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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
1 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
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3 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
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4 v.  
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08 Cr. 181 (TPG)

5 MARIO LEVIS,  
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6 Defendant.  
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8 New York, N.Y.  
8 August 18, 2009  
9 3:45 p.m.

10 Before:  
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11 HON. THOMAS P. GRIESA  
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District Judge

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(Case called; in the robing room)

THE CLERK: Counsel, Judge Griesa is on the line.

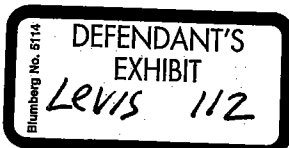
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THE COURT: This is Judge Griesa. We need to fix a  
trial date. Is there an agreement on it among you, among the  
lawyers?

MR. STELLMACH: Your Honor, this is William Stellmach  
from the government. I think we have spoken with defense  
counsel. We basically explained that we are available at the  
Court's convenience. We are ready to go whenever you are.

MR. BLACK: Your Honor, this is Roy Black. If I could  
address that for a minute. We have still some discovery  
documents coming from the Federal Reserve I think that need a

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14 protective order. I start a trial January 11th, which is a  
15 three-week trial with witnesses from Europe and what-have-you,  
16 and the government is turning over materials to us 45 days  
17 before trial. I understand your Honor has a short trial  
18 starting March 15th. We would request March 29th or April 5th  
19 for the trial.

20 THE COURT: How long will the trial take?

21 MR. STELLMACH: Your Honor, William Stellmach again  
22 for the government. Our best estimate I think is four to five  
23 weeks for the government's case. We're hoping to do it in less  
24 than that, but on a conservative basis that's our gut right  
25 now.

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1 MR. BLACK: Your Honor, Roy Black. We agree with that  
2 estimate. We think the trial will be four or five, six weeks.

3 THE COURT: Is it not possible to try it this fall?

4 MR. BLACK: Your Honor, we still have 55,000 documents  
5 from the Federal Reserve, which is about 250,000 pages, that  
6 has yet to be turned over. So we still have some work on  
7 discovery. We don't want to engage you in that. I just  
8 mention that because it will take us some time to get through  
9 all this.

10 THE COURT: I have no problem with starting on -- I  
11 think the date mentioned was March 22nd?

12 MR. BLACK: Either the 22nd, 29th, April 5th, any one  
13 of those that would be fine with the Court is fine with us.

14 MR. STELLMACH: Your Honor, William Stellmach again.  
15 Our strong preference would be March 22nd, just to start this  
16 and get it done.

17 THE COURT: It's a long way off. Let's set it. If  
18 you need the time, you need the time. We'll set it for March  
19 22nd.

20 MR. BLACK: Perfect. Thank you, your Honor. I think  
21 that accommodates us just fine.

22 THE COURT: Is that all we need to do?

23 MR. STELLMACH: I think that's it, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Thank you very much.  
25 (Adjourned)

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